

Darby Lumber Lands
Phase II Project

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To Whom it may concern,

Being very familiar with the former Darby Lumber Lands as a hunter who used their road to retrieve elk with horses, I would like to make a few comments about road decommissioning. Please be very selective in your choice of which roads to decommission.

I'm speaking of putting the road prism back to slope when I say decommission.

Removing roads in that manner greatly reduce hunting access for people in my age group.

Secondly, I think the best way to put roads to sleep that are already grassed in, is to install proper drainage structures. This causes the least amount of disturbance and the road can still be used in the future for other management activities. I administered contracts that had road decommissioning and my experience was that this method left an opening for noxious weeds to become established.

Considering my comments.

Sincerely, Nathaniel Lembard